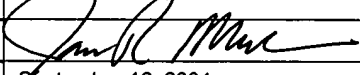


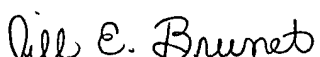
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In response to the Office Action mailed September 7, 2004, the applicant provisionally elect claims 1-10 and 15-18 for further prosecution without traverse. The applicant also reserves the right to file divisional applications on the remaining claims.

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